

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **KANO et al.**

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For. **METHOD OF FORMING NITRIDE-BASED SEMICONDUCTOR LAYER, AND  
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING NITRIDE-BASED SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICE**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Date: October 9, 2003

Sir:

Prior to continued examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: